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by love"—her duty to all those that come within her sphere; the power to protect the innocent, to spread knowledge among the ignorant, to pave the way for the betterment and maintenance of health. All these great gifts are hers to distribute. She knows them, she has them, let her give them gladly and freely, continuing to prove herself as she has in the past, more than worthy of the trust and responsibility vested in her, showing herself by her humanitarianism, by her womanliness, by her works, one of the foremost national bulwarks of the twentieth century.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR A PATIENT'S LIBRARY.

THE following is a list of the volumes contained in the Henry Phipps Library in one of the wards of the Manhattan State Hospital. The asterisks show which books are most frequently taken out. It is suggested that bookcases should be open and free for the use of the patients, and that a close observation by nurses of the choices made would enable the building up eventually of typical collections of books for different groups of patients.

Fiction, including Juvenile Books: *Alcott, *Little Women*; Aldrich, *Story of a Bad Boy*; Allen, *A Kentucky Cardinal*; Beard, *American Girls, Recreation, What a Girl Can Make*; Brown, *Rab and His Friends*; Bunner, *Short Sixes*; *Burnett, *Little Lord Fauntleroy*; Butler, *Pigs is Pigs*; Conner, *The Sky Pilot*; Crawford, *A Roman Singer*; Curtis, *Prue and I*; *Defoe, *Robinson Crusoe*; Deland, *Old Chester Tales*; Doyle, *Micah Clarke, The White Company*; Eggleston, *The Hoosier Schoolmaster*; Hale, *The Peterkin Papers*; Hall, *Aunt Jane of Kentucky*; Harris, *Uncle Remus*; Harte, *Tales*; Hawthorne, *A Wonder Book*; Henry, *Four Million*; Jacobs, *Many Cargoes, Dialston Lane*; **Jerome, *Three Men in a Boat*; *Kelly, *Little Citizens*; Kipling, *Captains Courageous*; Mitchell, *Hugh Wynne*; Ollivant, *Bob, Son of Battle*; Pyle, *Robin Hood*; ***Rice, *Lovey Mary*; Scott, *Ivanhoe, The Talisman*; *Shute, *Real Diary of a Real Boy*; Stevenson, *St. Ives*; Stewart, *Partners of Providence*; Tarkington, *Mons. Beaucaire*; Twain, *Huckleberry Finn, Tom Sawyer*; Warner, *The Wide Wide World*; Westcott, *David Harum*; Weyman, *A Gentleman of France*; Wiggin, *The Birds' Christmas Carol, Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*.

History, Biography, Travel, etc.: Brooks, *Life of Lincoln*; Carey, *Good Women*; Davis, *From a Car Window*; Farmer, *Famous Queens*; *Fiske, *History of the United States*; *Gulick, *The Efficient Life, Mind*

and Work; *Irving, *The Sketch Book*; Janvier, *History of New York*; *Keller, *Story of My Life*; Peary, *Children of the Arctic*, *The Snow Baby*; *Peeps at Many Lands*, 12 vols; Riis, *The Making of an American*; Stevenson, *Travels with a Donkey*; Yonge, *History of England*.

Nature Books: Blanchan, *Bird Neighbors*; Dana, *How to Know the Wild Flowers*; Kellogg, *Insect Stories*; Long, *School of the Woods*; Lottridge, *Snap Shots*; Mathews, *Wild Birds*; Morley, *Bee People*; Newell, *The Hole Book*; Wood, *Natural History*.

Miscellaneous: Hammond's *Atlas of the World*; Leech, *Pictures*; *Mother Goose; Smith, *Noah's Ark*.

Poetry: Field, *Poems*; Longfellow, *Poems*; Riley, *Poems*; Scott, *Poems*; Stevenson, *Poems*; Tennyson, *Poems*; *Golden Numbers*; *Golden Treasury*; **Treasure Book of Verses*.

THE ENTERTAINMENT OF SICK AND CONVALESCENT CHILDREN

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ALTHOUGH not as precocious as the delightful "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" who, at the mature age of eleven, had brought up three and a half babies,—at an equally tender age I was entrusted to amuse the younger children of the family and neighborhood, first, because it was oftentimes very convenient to the mother, enabling her to get a free afternoon and, secondly, because I was commonly said to "have a way with children."

It was not an accomplishment that either my family or myself were at all proud of, and it was not until many years after when I had commenced my career as a private duty nurse, that I recalled and was glad to turn to account the knowledge of child nature that I had, all unconsciously, obtained by this neighborhood nurse-maid course.

Apologos of entertainment,—nearly all children, and even babies, are entertained too much. I have never yet seen anyone so fond of children who, if put to the test, did not find the constant effort to amuse a child irksome and nerve-racking, neither have I ever seen a child thus treated who was happy and spontaneous.

To maintain a quiet and tranquil atmosphere in the sick room is of